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APPLICANT: Daniel N. Karpen
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FOR: MAGNETICALLY SHIELDED FLUORESCENT
BALLAST CASE
GROUP ART UNIT: 2817
EXAMINER: D. Vu

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

As a preliminary amendment in connection with the above noted Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Applicant amends the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-16.

Please add new Claims 17-26 as follows:

17. A magnetically shielded fluorescent lamp ballast case for shielding humans from harmful effects of the magnetic component of electromagnetic fields emitted from a fluorescent lamp ballast, by reducing the magnetic component of the electromagnetic fields emitted from the electrical and electronic components within said fluorescent lamp

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